interview were from among the names available in data bank of PESB as well as those sponsored by the concerned Ministries.

As regards filling up of the post of Director (Operations), CSL, PESB are in the process of making a selection for which an advertisement in the press has already been issued.

Reclaimers/Stackers for Paradeep Port

1179. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Paradeep Port Authorities had placed orders for rail mounted reclaimers/ stackers in December, 1981, for commissioning in March, 1983, to M/s. VMI Cranes Limited, Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the cost quoted by the Company and accepted by the Port Authorities;

(c) the amount of cost escalation given to the party thereafter;

(d) what is the present status of the Project and percentage of work completed by 31st March, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 31st March, 1987 by the Company; and

(e) if so, what action is being proposed to be taken in this regard for the early completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) An order was placed on M/s. VMI Cranes, Bombay for supply, erection and commissioning of one Rail Mounted Stacker/Reclaimer at Paradeep Port on 1-12-1981. The Scheduled date for completion of the work was 21-3-1983.

(b) The details of the cost offered by the firm and accepted by the Port Trust for the work are as follows:—

I.	*Foreign Components*	
	(1) Imported components FOB German Port	DM 5,95,522
	(2) For clearing of imported items from Indian Port . . .	Rs. 27,500
	(3) Transportation & Transit insurance of imported materials from the Port of discharge	Rs. 10,000
	(4) Sea freight and Transit insurance at actual but upto a ceiling of	DM 59,552
II.	*Indigenous Components Engg.*	*(Rupees)*
	(1) Engg & Co-ordination	35,00,000
	(2) Supply of Indigenous components Ex-works	1,36,50,000
	(3) Inland Freight Transit insurance & unloading at site . .	5,46,000
III.	*Erection Commissionting b Site Storage*	15.00,000

(c) The Price was firm and no cost escalation has been given to this party.

(d) The erection work is in final stage and is expected to be completed in all respects by June 1987. The percentage of work completed by 31st March, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 has been computed as 50 per cent, 60 per cent, 75 per cent, 83 per cent and 94 per cent respectively.

(e) Show Cause Notice was issued to the firm. Liquidated damage at the rate of 7 per cent (maximum provided in the contract) is being deducted from all Bills of the firm.